

FSI ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 5, 1986

Agenda for Discussion

1. Agency Updates: Pertinent agency activities since our last meeting in January 1985. Probable effects on each Agency of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation would be of particular interest to us all.
2. Tuition and Finances: The basis for 1986 tuition rates will be presented for discussion.
3. The New Campus: A Status Report: With legislation for the new campus at Arlington Hall Station in place, plans for further progress in 1986 and beyond will be reviewed.
4. Mid-Level Training: Following review by a Special Task Force, major changes have been made in the State Department's mid-level officers' professional development program. These changes will be presented for discussion.
5. Computer Learning: The Department of Labor has developed an interesting program for training employees on the use of the computer. Harold Davy will describe the new program.
6. International Information Training: In November 1985 the National Security Council (NSC) requested a comprehensive review of government training programs in international information. The International Information Committee (IIC) of the NSC met in December 1985. Joe Boerner of USIA was designated to convene a subcommittee of the IIC to examine international information training and report to the IIC in mid-February 1986. Mr. Boerner will discuss the inter-agency implications of the NSC's recommendations for changes and/or expansion in this area.
7. Ambassador Stearn's Review of Hard Language Training: Ambassador Monteagle Stearns has been asked by Under Secretary Spiers to assess how well the Department is preparing the Foreign Service to meet present and future hard language requirements, with specific reference to Japanese, Chinese, Russian and Arabic. Stearns is looking at the adequacy of the LDP program, training programs, and personnel policies as they relate to language training and proficiency. Stearns has consulted with FSI and many others in Washington and elsewhere in the U.S. and shortly will embark on a trip to the field schools in Yokohama, AID Taipei, and Tunis and to Foreign Service posts in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Beijing, Moscow, Cairo and London.
8. Other Business.